

## Annex B

### **Antiquities and Monuments Office's Comments on the Heritage Impact Assessment in respect of Infrastructures Works for Public Housing Development at Ngau Chi Wan Village, Wong Tai Sin – Investigation, Design and Construction**

The Antiquities and Monuments Office (“AMO”) has reviewed the findings set out in the Heritage Impact Assessment (“HIA”) report in respect of Infrastructures Works for Public Housing Development at Ngau Chi Wan Village (“NCWV”), Wong Tai Sin - Investigation, Design and Construction, and has the following comments :

- (a) it is noted that through appropriate measures, one graded historic building of the Man Fat Nunnery (Grade 3 historic building) within the project area will be preserved *in-situ* without any physical damage to be brought by the proposed works. The proposal, therefore, is agreeable from the heritage conservation perspective;
- (b) a total of fourteen cultural heritage resources have been identified within the assessment area (i.e. within 100m from the project boundary), including one Grade 3 historic building within the project boundary, a group of three Grade 2 historic buildings outside project boundary and ten other heritage resources within / outside the project boundary. A summary of the cultural heritage resources identified is presented in the Table 1 below :

**Table 1 - Summary of Cultural Heritage Resources within Assessment Area**

No.	Name	Status	Remarks
<i>Graded Cultural Heritage Resources</i>			
1.	Man Fat Nunnery	Grade 3 historic building	Within project boundary
2.	St. Joseph's Home for the Aged, Villa	Grade 2 historic building	Outside project boundary
3.	St Joseph's Home for the Aged, Dormitory A	Grade 2 historic building	Outside project boundary
4.	St. Joseph's Home for the Aged, Gate House	Grade 2 historic building	Outside project boundary

<u>Other Cultural Heritage Resources</u>			
5.	No. 58 Ngau Chi Wan Village	-	Within project boundary
6.	No. 68 Ngau Chi Wan Village	-	Within project boundary
7.	No. 71 Ngau Chi Wan Village	-	Within project boundary
8.	No. 75 Ngau Chi Wan Village	-	Within project boundary
9.	Earth God Shrine	-	Within project boundary
10.	Yee Sin Fat Tong	-	Within project boundary
11.	Old Well	-	Within project boundary
12.	Tai Wong Kung	-	Outside project boundary
13.	Calligraphy of Kowloon Emperor on the wall next to the Pai Lau of the village	-	Outside project boundary
14.	Areas to south of the local stream which are the original extent of the NCWV in 1904	-	Within project boundary;

- (c) One graded historic building is located within the project boundary, namely Man Fat Nunnery (Grade 3 historic building), will be preserved *in situ*. Photographic, cartographic and video recordings as well as 3D scanning will be taken by CEDD. Structural monitoring will be carried out to ensure no disturbance and physical damages to the historic structure during the course of works.
- (d) A group of three other graded historic buildings are located outside the project boundary but within 100m from the project boundary. They are St. Joseph's Home for the Aged, Villa (Grade 2 historic building), St Joseph's Home for the Aged, Dormitory A (Grade 2 historic building) and St. Joseph's Home for the Aged, Gate House (Grade 2 historic building). Structural monitoring will be carried out by CEDD to ensure no disturbance and physical damages to the historic structure during the course of works.
- (e) No mitigation measure will be required for the calligraphy of Kowloon Emperor on the wall next to the Pai Lau of the village as it is at sufficient distance from works and will not be affected.

- (f) Seven other cultural heritage resources are located within the project boundary, namely Nos. 58, 68, 71 and 75 Ngau Chi Wan Village, Earth God Shrine, Yee Sin Fat Tong and Old Well. Photographic, cartographic and video recordings as well as 3D scanning will be carried out prior to the site clearance. The granite blocks and grey bricks of Nos. 68 and 75 Ngau Chi Wan Village will be dismantled, preserved as much as possible, and properly stored in controlled environment. The usage of the granite blocks and grey bricks would be considered by the HKHS in their detailed design for incorporating in the future development for possible display and provide interpretation information to tell the history of the site.
- (g) For areas to south of the local stream which are the original extent of the NCWV in 1904, an Archaeological Watching Brief (AWB) should be conducted by HKHS during construction phase at those areas in the original extent of the Ngau Chi Wan Village in 1904. An archaeologist should be engaged for the AWB during the construction phase. The AWB issue shall be cleared by HKHS before granting the site in question to HKHS for public housing.
- (h) Photographic, cartographic records and 3D scanning for structures with grading or nil grade will be conducted before commencement of works will be sent to AMO for record purpose and future use, such as research, exhibition and educational programmes.
- (i) Summary of the mitigation measures for various cultural heritage resources are shown in Table 2 below.

**Table 2 - Summary of Mitigation Measures for Cultural Heritage Resources**

Cultural Heritage Resource	Mitigation Measures							
	Cartographic, Photographic Record	Video Recording and 3D Scanning	Condition Survey & Structural Assessment	Monitoring of vibration, tilting and ground settlement	Protective barriers	Dismantle and/or Preservation of movable artefacts	Safe access route	Buffer zone to be reserved in the design layout
<i>Within Project Boundary</i>								
Man Fat Nunnery (Grade 3 historic building)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
No. 68 Ngau Chi Wan Village	✓	✓				✓		

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No. 75 Ngau Chi Wan Village	✓	✓				✓		
No. 58 Ngau Chi Wan Village	✓	✓						
No. 71 Ngau Chi Wan Village	✓	✓						
Earth God Shrine	✓	✓						
Yee Sin Fat Tong	✓	✓						
Old Well	✓	✓						
<i>Outside Project Boundary but within Assessment Area</i>								
St. Joseph's Home for the Aged, Villa (Grade 2 historic building)				✓				
St. Joseph's Home for the Aged, Dormitory A (Grade 2 historic building)				✓				
St. Joseph's Home for the Aged, Gate House (Grade 2 historic building)				✓				
Tai Wong Kung				✓				
Calligraphy of Kowloon Emperor on the wall next to the Pai Lau of the village								
Area with archaeological potential	Note: For the Areas to south of the local stream which are the original extent of the NCWV in 1904, an Archaeological Watching Brief (AWB) should be conducted at the concerned area before granting the site in question to HKHS for public housing prior to site formation works.							

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